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Willkie Arranges to See President Before Leaving for London

Late News Bulletins

Italians Preparing for Big Push, Say Greeks

ON THE YUGOSLAV-ALBANIAN FRONTIER (AP).—Greek sources reported today the Italians are bringing up strong reinforcements on all sectors of the Albanian front, including large numbers of Italian planes relieved from Mediterranean service by the Germans. A concentrated Italian air attack apparently is imminent, these sources said.

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Thai Advance Reported Stemmed

SAIGON, French Indo-China (AP).—The French Indo-China government announced today it had stemmed the Thai (Siamese) advance in Western Cambodia by throwing back a complete battalion of 750 troops who have been advancing along the road to Sisophon. On the fronts to the north the Thai invaders shelled Savannakhet and bombed Pakse from the air. Earlier 1,000 Thai troops were reported repulsed west of Pakse.

(Earlier Story on Page A-4.)

Subcommittee Approves Funds for 200 Ships

A House appropriations subcommittee quickly approved today President Roosevelt's request for \$313,500,000 for construction of 200 new cargo ships. The subcommittee acted after hearing Chairman Emory S. Land of the Maritime Commission describe the availability of cargo ships as one of the most vital needs of this country's defense program.

Convoy Successfully Attacked, Say Germans

BERLIN (AP).—German planes successfully attacked a convoy and two British airports today and repeatedly bombed London, informed sources said tonight. Pilots returning from an air attack last night on Swansea said the whole southern section of the South Wales port was lit by fires. A 4,000-ton merchantman in a convoy off the mouth of the Thames was said to have suffered a direct hit and was believed a total loss.

Thomson and Cooper in Semifinals

SAN FRANCISCO (AP).—Jimmy Thomson of Chicopee, Mass., stroked his way to a 3-to-1 victory over Fred Wood, Vancouver (British Columbia) star, to earn a semifinal berth in the San Francisco national match-play open today. Harry Cooper, Chicago professional, joined Thomson with a 1-up victory over young Chick Harbert of Battle Creek, Mich. Thomson and Cooper tangled in a semifinal match this afternoon.

Italian Planes Appear Over Nile Valley

CAIRO (AP).—Italian airplanes visited the Nile Valley last night for the first time since the British desert offensive began early in December. They bombed a canal, but there was no casualties and the damage was described as insignificant. Alexandria also was raided. There were no casualties and no damage, a communique said.

Truckers Die in 100-Foot Plunge

WILLIAMSON, W. Va. (AP).—Moses Lowe, 22, and his brother-in-law, Craft Maynard, 26, both of Heenon, Pike County, Ky., plunged 100 feet to their deaths on the Norfolk & Western Railroad tracks today after their truck, loaded with logs, crashed through a guard railing.

Oklahoma Flood Isolates Town As U. S., State Row Over Dam

By the Associated Press.

VINITA, Okla., Jan. 18.—Retreat from flood gathered momentum today in the Grand River Dam area. While Federal and State Government remained locked in controversy over closing of the spillway gates, waters of the man-made lake rose 1 foot overnight, due to heavy rains in Kansas and Missouri pouring into Grand River.

Guy James, contractor on a \$200,000 State building project near Fairland, began moving his machinery and material to higher ground. Unleashing the lake swell is halted by opening of the dam gates, the project is expected to be flooded out.

The rising waters flowed across highway No. 59, thus completely isolating Grove, a town of more than 1,000 inhabitants, from the rest of Oklahoma.

North-South Roads Blocked.

Highways to the north and south already had been blocked by the 225,000 Grand River Dam.

Grove business, despairing of help from the State or Federal agencies, had donned working clothes and built detours around the

rising waters in a losing, month-long battle to prevent isolation. "We just couldn't combat nature," editor Owen Butler said. "The storm got ahead of us."

To reach other parts of Oklahoma Grove residents must now go into Missouri and make a wide swing around the 34,000-acre lake.

Since the spillway gates at the \$22,750,000 dam were closed last Saturday the lake has risen 2½ feet. Engineers had expected only a 1-foot rise.

State Wants Payments.

The State contends the Government should have made payments for flood damages before the dam was completed.

Oklahoma officials appealed to the Supreme Court from a decision by a three-judge Federal court at Tulsa which temporarily enjoined the officials from interfering with completion of the dam until the P. W. A.-financed Grand River Dam Authority had paid \$889,275 for State roads and bridges to be inundated by the 52,000-acre reservoir.

Beau James Wins by Head In Palm Beach Handicap

HIALEAH PARK, Fla., Jan. 18 (AP).—the Calumet Farm's Beau James, a consistent 5-year-old gelding, gave the stable its second success of the day when he drove to a head triumph in the inaugural running of the 7-furlong Palm Beach Handicap here today. Wendell Eads, crack apprentice who previously had piloted Bay Carse home, booted the \$10,600 shot under the wire.

Leadbroke Stable's Potranco saved the place by a length, while Circle M Ranch's Get Off nosed out Robert L. for third money. Beau James earned a purse of \$4,490 and covered the muddy going in 1:26 flat.

The fans made Cherry Jam, a recent flashy winner, favorite in the scratch-riddled field of nine. The gelding never menaced the leaders.

Liberty Flight, hero of the opening day handicap here, raced well up before tiring to fifth place.

Fall Points Reserve Major

OLD POINT, Va., Jan. 18 (AP).—Major Thomas Bagley, Coast Artillery Reserve, fell to his death from a window of the post hospital at Fort Monroe this morning. Fort Monroe authorities began an investigation.

Cargo Being Removed From Grounded Manhattan

By the Associated Press.

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., Jan. 18.—Removal of the grounded liner Manhattan's cargo progressed today in an effort to lighten the vessel for another attempt to pull her off a sandbar.

A third tug, the Relief from New York, arrived to assist in the salvage operations. The Coast Guard cutters, Nojave, Vigilant and Modoc, stood by to prevent the liner from being forced higher on the beach.

The cargo, including 118 automobiles, was stored in port warehouses at Palm Beach. Fuel oil, pumped from the Manhattan's hold into barges, was to be taken to Miami.

Most of the 200 passengers removed from the ship Monday returned to their homes or continued their journeys to Cuba and California. Officers said 175 members of the steward's department would leave the ship soon, but more than 300 other crewmen would remain aboard.

The \$10,000,000 vessel, bound on a cruise from New York to California, went aground last Sunday night about 9 miles north of here.

G. O. P. Leader Will Talk to Hull First

Warns Republicans Against Being Made 'Isolation' Party

By the Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Wendell L. Willkie said this afternoon he "would be delighted to call Secretary of State Hull and make arrangements for a conference with President Roosevelt" before leaving for England to get a first-hand picture of the situation there.

He made the statement after being advised that Mr. Roosevelt, who defeated him for the presidency in November, had said through a secretary that he would be glad to see Mr. Willkie if such a request were made either directly or indirectly.

"I am very appreciative," Mr. Willkie said.

The 1940 Republican presidential candidate already has plans to confer with Secretary Hull in Washington tomorrow. He is scheduled to leave for Europe by Clipper plane on Wednesday.

Opposes Blind Opposition.

Earlier today Mr. Willkie said in a speech the Republican party never could regain control of the American Government if in 1941 it "makes blind opposition" to the aid-to-Britain bill and "allows itself to be presented to the people as an isolation party."

Mr. Willkie spoke to about 1,600 persons at the annual luncheon of the Women's National Republican Club in the Hotel Astor. He and his wife were guests of honor.

At the outset of his brief remarks, Mr. Willkie said he spoke "only for myself—I do not assume that I represent the Republican party," but that he wished to give his views on what the party "should do so that it can regain control of this Government and restore the American way of life."

Can't Disregard Rest of World.

He said America could not disregard the rest of the world—"If Britain collapses, if Britain falls before the onslaught of Hitlerism, it will be difficult if not impossible to save the American way of life."

He said the aid-to-Britain bill must be modified "so that the power granted may come back automatically to the people" but pleaded against "blind opposition" based on "hate of an individual" and urged "do not render the bill impotent."

"America will not stay out of war by men making speeches," he continued. "We will stay out if those men in Britain are supported."

He said earlier he would be "delighted" to appear before the House Foreign Affairs Committee conducting hearings on the British aid bill but that it would be impossible for him to do so before leaving for Europe.

President Is Willing To Confer With Willkie

By JOHN C. HENRY.

President Roosevelt, described today as willing to see Wendell L. Willkie in Washington if the Republican leader so desires, has asked Secretary of State Hull to give Mr. Willkie all available information on conditions abroad and a complete outline of the administration's foreign policies.

Announcement of this action, which may lead to the first meeting between the November election foes for many months, was made by Stephen T. Early, press relations secretary at the White House. Word that Mr. Willkie was coming to Washington to see Mr. Hull at 3:30 p. m. tomorrow was given out in New York earlier.

Hasn't Requested Interview.

"The White House has no requests," Mr. Early said, "either from Mr. Willkie or any of his friends to see the President. Should a request be received either directly or indirectly?"

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Willkie Invited to Talk To British Group

LONDON, Jan. 18 (AP).—Col. Arthur Evans, member of Parliament for Cardiff, South Wales, cabled an invitation to Wendell L. Willkie today to address members of the British group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union at the House of Commons on the "aid for Britain bill" now being considered in Congress.

Markets at a Glance

By the Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Stocks mixed; price changes narrow. Bonds steady; rails edge forward. Foreign exchange quiet; Far Eastern currencies lower.

Cotton narrow; trade covering, hedging and liquidation. Sugar firm; trade support. Metals even; prices unchanged in quiet trading. Wool tops improved; spot house buying.

Knudsen Sees U. S. in War if Britain Falls

Backs New Aid Bill In 2-Hour Talk to House Committee

FINAL BULLETIN.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18 (AP).—Joseph P. Knudsen, retiring Ambassador to Great Britain, said today he would appear Tuesday before the House Foreign Affairs Committee hearing on the lend-lease bill. His secretary said the diplomat expected to appear before the committee about 10 a. m.

(Earlier Story on Page A-1.)

By J. A. O'LEARY.

The fall of Great Britain would result in American involvement in war, William S. Knudsen, director of the Office of Production Management, said today in answer to questions by House Foreign Affairs Committee members on the administration's bill to strengthen this country's defense by aiding England.

After Mr. Knudsen had explained for two hours the advantages of the defense measure in speeding up the production of war material, the committee recessed until Tuesday morning, when Representative Fish, Republican of New York, leader of the opposition, will begin presenting witnesses.

He said he is awaiting a reply to a telegram inviting Joseph P. Knudsen, America's retiring Ambassador to Great Britain, to appear at 10 a. m. Tuesday.

Representative Arnold, Democrat of Illinois, asked Mr. Knudsen if he thought the fall of Britain would involve the manpower of this country in war, and he replied:

"I do."

No Big Aid Likely for Months.

The substance of his two hours of testimony was that the discretionary powers given the President in the bill will speed up the building of defense articles here, both for the United States and Great Britain.

His testimony also brought out that while it would be near the end of 1941 before much new equipment could be produced for England the bill is broad enough to permit transfer of existing defense articles.

Chairman Bloom announced at noon that Wendell L. Willkie, Republican presidential nominee in 1940, will not be able to testify, as expected, because of his plans to fly to England early next week. The announcement brought a demand from Representative Tinkham, Republican of Massachusetts, that he be subpoenaed, but there were no indications this course would be followed.

After adjournment, Mr. Tinkham told newspaper men his reason for wanting Mr. Willkie to appear was to inquire "as to his competency and (see LEASE-LEND, Page 2-X.)"

Coroner Declares Death Of Bondsman a Suicide

The body of Hyman Mendelson, 55, a bondsman who lived at 2428 Fourteenth street N.W., was found shortly before noon today in Rock Creek between the Connecticut avenue and Calvert street bridges.

Coroner A. Magruder MacDonald issued a certificate of suicide. Police said Mr. Mendelson had been ill for months and had threatened to leave home. A police "lookout" for him had been broadcast yesterday.

Zivic-Armstrong Crowd Sets Record at Garden

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—The largest crowd in the history of Madison Square Garden paid \$78,242.46 to see Fritzie Zivic, welterweight champion, beat Henry Armstrong, Net results from last nights bout were \$66,817.01, it was announced today.

U. A. W. Submits New Plan In Ryan Negotiations

(Earlier story on page A-5.)

By the Associated Press.

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Jan. 18.—A new basis for wage discussions was formulated at a meeting today of negotiators for the C. I. O. United Automobile Workers with representatives of the Ryan Aeronautical Co.

The U. A. W. submitted a new offer which Harry C. Malcom, Federal conciliator, said indicated the groups were "inching slowly but surely closer together."

Earl Prudden, company vice president, said the new union wage scale plan contained certain provisions which were unacceptable, but also had certain suggestions which were "interesting" and would receive consideration.

SPEAKING HIS PIECE—Irked because he was informed the House Foreign Affairs Committee had no power to subpoena Wendell L. Willkie for testimony on the lend-lease bill, Representative Tinkham, Republican of Massachusetts (right) told colleagues all about it today. Left to right are Representatives Fish, Republican of New York and Mundt, Republican of South Dakota.



LATECOMERS SEEK PARADE TICKETS—A view of the crowd lined up before the inaugural parade ticket headquarters, at 727 Fifteenth street N.W., this afternoon. Officials said "quite a few tickets" still are available. The ticket office will be open until 9:30 o'clock tonight and all day tomorrow. (Inauguration story on page A-1.)

799 U. S. Warplanes Built in December In Speedup Drive

Light Tanks Four Months Ahead of Schedule, Defense Leader Says

Military-type airplane production in the United States last month totaled 799 units, John D. Biggers, director of production for the Office of Production Management, said today.

Outlining a reorganization of his division which will increase aircraft production personnel from 8 to 75, Mr. Biggers declared that in January he expected deliveries to be "modestly better than in December."

Last December 13, William S. Knudsen, director of the O. P. M., told the National Association of Manufacturers that he expected only 700 military planes to be produced that month although the schedule called for 1,000.

Mr. Biggers declared that Mr. Knudsen's speech "jolted everybody" and production was speeded as a result.

Mr. Biggers disclosed also that production of light tanks (13 tons), which Mr. Knudsen said were coming off assembly lines at the rate of four a day, was lagging momentarily because of changes in the model. Technical improvements are being made, but "production of the light tank is more than four months ahead of schedule," he declared.

French Food Vessel Seized by British Off Brazil Coast

Mendoza Is Boarded by Prize Crew From Auxiliary Cruiser

(Earlier Story on Page A-1.)

By the Associated Press.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 18.—The French freighter Mendoza was intercepted today by the British auxiliary cruiser Asturias and compelled to follow the cruiser onto the high seas. Brazilian naval planes reported to the Navy Ministry.

The Brazilian pilots said the seizure took place 5 miles off the coast of the Brazilian State of Santa Catharina.

The Mendoza, laden with food for France, had been trying all week to evade British surveillance and run the blockade to France.

The newspaper O Globo reported that radio messages heard at Santos said the Mendoza was seized at a point where she was forced by shoals to veer from the Brazilian coast and was boarded by a prize crew from the Asturias.

The 8,150-ton merchant ship left Porto Bello, Santa Catharina, early today after a night in port there.

The Mendoza had been traveling slowly within Brazilian territorial waters, making regular soundings to escape dangerous shoals. So long as she remained in territorial waters she was calculated to be safe from British seizure.

(The generally accepted international definition of territorial waters is that they extend no farther than the 3-mile limit. Thus, the Mendoza would have been taken outside territorial waters.)

The Naval Ministry's communique follows:

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Wife-Beater Whipped Publicly at Elkton

By the Associated Press.

ELKTON, Md., Jan. 18.—Glen Doyle, 42, convicted of wife-beating, flogged under 10 lashes of a cat o' nine tails in the Cecil County jail yard today in the first public whipping here since 1894.

Doyle made no outcry as Sheriff David J. Randolph brought the whip, with straight-arm blows, upon his bare back. About 40 persons witnessed the lashing.

The blows raised welts on Doyle's back and he was examined afterward by two physicians. The whip was borrowed from the New Castle, Del., Workhouse.

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U. S. Ship Program At World War Pace Urged by Briton

Necessary to Relieve England of Threat of Starvation, Salter Says

By the Associated Press.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—Sir Arthur Salter, parliamentary secretary of the Ministry of Shipping, said tonight it would require a United States shipbuilding program as big as that of the World War to relieve Britain of the threat of starvation because of the losses due to German submarines.

Britain, he said, has bought all available inactive ships and is increasing her own building program, but nevertheless will need about 5,000,000 or 6,000,000 tons a year to feel safe.

Cites World War Tonnage.

"We should like to see a building program in the United States as big as that of the last war, when the rate reached 4,000,000 gross tons a year," he told a press conference. "That would give us enough margin to cover losses."

British losses since the German seized French air and submarine bases in June have been about 90,000 tons a week, or more than 4,500,000 tons a year. Most of these losses, however, have been offset by building new ships and the purchase and transfer of Danish, French and other ships to the British flag.

Britain is negotiating now with Danish interests in the United States in an attempt to get control of 38 Danish ships totaling 150,000 tons in United States ports.

Danish shipping already in British hands totals 344,000 tons.

Pacific Shipping Withdrawn.

Mr. Salter said Britain already had withdrawn most of her shipping from the Pacific and other non-essential routes, leaving the trade to the United States and other nations.

He expressed doubt the United States rate of shipbuilding as a non-belligerent could equal its wartime rate, but added he was confident it could be speeded up.

"I cannot believe munitions and airplanes America is making will stay on the other side of the Atlantic when they are needed here," Mr. Salter declared.

U. S. Chooses Second Base On British-Owned St. Lucia

Agreement on the location of a land plane air base to be established by the United States on the British island of St. Lucia, in addition to a seaplane base already arranged there, was announced last night by Secretary of State Hull.

The two air bases at St. Lucia will enable American forces to dominate approaches to the nearby French-owned island of Martinique, which has figured in discussions between United States and French authorities because of concern in some quarters that Germany might attempt to take over Martinique and French warships and planes there.

This country acquired the right to establish defense bases on the British territories of St. Lucia, Newfoundland, Bermuda, the Bahamas, Jamaica, Antigua, Trinidad and British Guiana when it turned over 50 overage destroyers to Great Britain last September.

A group of three Government experts representing the Treasury, War and Navy Departments is scheduled to begin negotiations in London soon to complete formal 99-year leases for the base sites already agreed upon. Preliminary construction work already has begun at most points.

San Francisco Nazi Consulate Scene of Riot

Police Rush to Scene As Thousands Jam Street Outside

FINAL BULLETIN.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 18 (P).—Two young men who said they were seamen on United States destroyers were taken in custody by police today, accused of tearing a swastika flag from its staff at the German consulate.

Police Capt. Joseph Walsh identified the youths as Harold James Sturtevant, 22, of Haverhill, Mass., a fireman on the destroyer Craven, and E. J. Lackey, 22, of Charlotte, N. C., seaman first class, on the destroyer Perkins.

As Capt. Walsh and several other officers with the two men in custody, moved out of the building, the crowd sent up roaring cheers. Capt. Walsh said the two would be charged with malicious mischief.

Consul General Fritz Wiedemann said "the facts speak for themselves. Any action taken would come from the German Embassy in Washington. It was notified immediately."

By the Associated Press.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 18.—Two riot acts were turned in for police today after several youths ripped a swastika flag from a staff of the German consulate.

Several thousand persons jammed the street outside the building housing the consulate. Mounted police and patrolmen hurried to the scene on the double-quick.

The crowd started gathering this morning after the big swastika was unfurled in celebration, the consulate said, of the founding of the Reich in 1871.

Climb Fire Escape.

Several young men climbed the fire escape, made their way to the tenth floor, just above the office of the consulate.

From there one managed to get down to the staff on which the 4-by-8-foot ensign was flying. He reached out, grabbed one end, while another youth snatched at it with a knife. Some one in the consulate office discovered the trick, leaned out and caught one corner of the flag. Each pulled. The flag split in half. The boys took their half and scampered out of sight.

The flag was torn cleanly across the black swastika, which appeared on a white field, on a background of red.

May Face Prosecution.

Consul general Fritz Wiedemann and Dr. Otto Denzer, vice consul, were in their offices during the disturbances.

A police sergeant said the young men who ripped the German ensign were liable to prosecution under international law.

Shortly after the flag was displayed in a department store in an adjoining building broke out a huge American flag. The president of the store is Paul Verber, a Frenchman, who recently became a United States citizen.